FREAK PLAYS MAKE **BASEBALL HISTORY**

Laugh Provoking Stunts Cause for Rage When Committed.

BRODIE SPOILED "PLAY"

Chased Right Ball After Keeler Tossed . "Planted Ball" to Infield.

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Copyright, 1919; all rights reserved. of the marvelous things about baseball is that no one game is exactly like another. Millions of ball games are played between these shores during the

course of a year, yet it would be impossible to find two exactly alike.

Yet with all the variations of the game it is remarkable how some fans remember details of contests of the past. Some of these fellows who never can rem ber the date of a month can go back a score of years or more and describe accurately the occasion when Mike Kelly went up in a pinch or Buck Ewing threw out Billy Hamilton stealing at a crucial However, there is nothing that sticks

na fan's memory as much as a freak alay. Games like the one in which Merkle falled to touch second, the one in which Baker tied the score on Mathewson with a home run in the ninth inning or the one which Snodgrass featured with his \$40,000 muff stand out by themselves, but many contents and out by themselves. with his \$40,000 mult stand out by themselves, but many games between second
division clubs or contests having no bearing on the championishid are unforgettable by reason of some freak play.

The freak play is seldom funny to
both sides. Managers and players who
laugh themselves side when they discuss freak plays now often were blue
in the face with rage and forwards.

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in the face with rage and fury when the play was made.

Take the famous play on the old Orioles, when Willie Kseler whipped a fake hall in from the outlield while Steve Brodie chased the real ball, and threw that in, two balls being returned to the infield within a few seconds. There is seldom a time when the old Orioles—McGraw, Jeanings, Robinson, Kelley and Keeler—meet here on their periodic reunions that they do not make merry over that play. And it is good for loud guffaws whenever it is brought un. Yet at the time it was made Brodie was the goat of the Orioles for weeks and the season was nearly over before Kelley and Keeler would forgive him.

Origies Tricky Team.

The Orioles were without question the recklest ball club that ever won a pensant. All the men on the club were been students of all the intricate points of the game, and they always were thinking up new stunts to help bring in new victories. Ned Hanlon had every think in Baltimore but pitchers. The Orioles won their pennants by wonderful batting and base running, in spite.

Hit Into Clubhouse.

John McGraw tells of a somewhat

Some of the Players Who Have Participated in Freak Baseball Contests



thing in Baltimore but pitchers. The Orloies won their pennants by wonderful batting and base running, in spite of a mediocre pitching staff. Many Baltimore victories were wen by such scores as 11 to 10, 10 to 8, and the Oriole outfielders frequently had to chase balls until their tongues stuck out.

Kelley and Keeler hatched a plot to save them a lot of exercise. For weeks the grass in the Baltimore outfield went without a shave, after which Kelley and Keeler planted a number of balls in right and left centre field. Long drives would be hit juto the long grass and roll to the fence unobserved, while Joe and Willie would pick up one of the planted balls and throw out the runner trying for a double.

One day a screeching liner was hit to right centre, and Keeler, burlesquing a fying stab, hastly dog up one of the planted balls and threw the baiter out at second base. In the meantime Brodie wallantly chased the real ball all the way down to the fence and then huried that in. That let the cat out of the bag, and thereafter the other clubs of the league insisted on regular shaves for the cague in sisted on regular shaves for th

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"his Umps" looking on McCormick smushed into a double play via the plate, and Devore grounded out, no runs scor-Chiladelphia also wen this in ex-Then there was the game in Boston in

1916, when on his own double Larry Doyle kindly tried to relay the Boston Doyle kindly tried to relay the Boston outfielder's throw home and got into a beautiful jam. He had doubled sharply to right, scoring a run, and was standing on second base when the throw in came right to him. Oblightight Larry intercepted the ball and tossed it in to the Boston pitcher. For this bit of chivalry he was called out for interference, and as he also interfered with the throw that run was cancelled. That run lost the game, Among other things that happened to Larry was a \$50 fine, and hegame. Among other things that hap-pened to Larry was a \$50 fine, and be-had to listen to McGraw say, "And you

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Ten Strike in Landing Navy Ensign.

AN ALL AROUND STAR A TEAM OF SLUGGERS

as End on All American Service Team.

Brooklyn last week, and after Halas had spilled some of the New Moon stars all over the court the Crescent A. C. members enthusiastically declared that George was one of the fastest, shiftlest and sturdlest basketball men that ever graced a court.

In between halves Halas had a little opportunity to tell something about his baseball ability, or rather his teammates did it for him, for the big, strapping.

McGraw's Style of Play.

baseball ability, or rather his teamping, did it for him, for the big, strapping, red haired navy ensign seemed anxious to talk about everything else in the world except himself.

"That is McGraw's style of baseball and Chase, because of his almost uncanny talent in whacking the ball when canny talent in whacking the ball when

world except himself.

He was willing to say that he throws right hand and is a switch hitter, batting left or right, depending on the opposing pitcher. He also blushingly owned up that he had hit 312 on the University of Illinois nine his first year on the team and topped that percentage by more than twenty points the second year. George was very careful to add:

"But you know what facing college pitching is. Shucks, hitting 300 in college ranks doesn't make a fellow a big leaguer sy any means."

While Halas was busy trying to hide his light under a bushel basket Paddy

"The acquisition of Chase gives Mc-Graw a wonderful ball club. Look over

"Say, George may try and get you to believe that he cannot hit big league pitching, but he knows better. Why, we had Red Faber of the White Sox and George Cunningham of Detroit and you have a group of 300 hitters pitching for us in batting practice, and that will make life miserable for the George whaled them some even when twickers in the league. The Giants are

Driscoll says that Halas will not need "FEDS" AGAIN LURE the seasoning that many rookles have to get, for he had the benefits of playing all season with big leaguers. On the Great Lakes nine with Halas and Driscoll were Joe Leonard of Washington, Ben Dyer of Detroit, Fred Thomas, who Connie Mack recently bought from the Red Sox; Clements of the Browns, Bill Johnson, Phil Chouinard and Red Faber of the White Sox and George Cunning-

IN GETTING CHASE

Driscoll Says Huggins Made Clarence Rowland Says Hal-Will Fit In Well in Giant Machine.

Was Selected by Walter Camp Former White Sox Leader Thinks New York Is Club Cubs Will Have to Beat.

By GEORGE B. UNDERWOOD.

If Ensign George Halas, U. S. N., the new Yankee outfielder, only can play baseball like he can play baseball, then Miller Huggins will not have to hit back of a runner at all times. Chase will fit in with the Giant machine like a cog in a well made Swiss watch. He is McGraw's style of player.

worry anything about centre field.

Ensign Halas played guard for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station five against the Crescent A. C. in Brooklyn last week, and after Halas properly. And the shifty mental star properly. And the shifty

leaguer by any means."

While Halas was busy trying to hide his light under a bushel basket Paddy Driscoll, who the Cubs have released to Los Angeles and who now is one of Halas's mater at Great Lakes, broke in with:

Gat Four Hits Off Pfeffer.

when runners are well when clusted in the acquisition of Chase gives Mc-Graw a wonderful ball club. Look over the list of players and you find that leave the weakest hitter on the squad, and he is by no means a feeble batter. He hits 270 or better, and that is a mighty good average. Besides he is a dangerous man at the plate.

George whaled them some even when they got mad and tried to stand him the players the Cuba will have to beat on his ear. Jeff Pfeffer is some twirler. Isn't he? Well, Jeff pitched on the Muricipal Pier nine against us and George rapped him for four hits."

Once again the self-effacing Halas blushed to the roots of his curiy red hair and interfaced:

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blushed to the roots of his curly red hair and interjected:

"Ah, why say anything about that, Paddy? They were lucky little scratch hits. Why, every one of them was just over the infield."

"Tes, they were just over the infield," answered Driscoll, "but they were hits all right and sent a runner along each time, driving one man in from third. And let me tell you Pfeffer is a hard bird to connect with when men are on base!"

McGraw will have no difficulty in getting him to play the brand of ball of which he is capable.

"Chase is the type of player who has to be permitted to use his own judgment considerably. McGraw may allow him to do that. If he does Chase will play as smart a game for the Gianus as he ever did in his life."

PERRITT OF GIANTS

At Least Harry Sinclair, Outlaw Backer, Is Interested.

By an odd twist of fate, Polly Perril the Giant pitcher, who claims he is making so much money out of a Louisi-